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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 May 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mishin et al., Patent No. 5,744,919, in view of Tanabe, Patent No. 5,381,072.

As per claim 1, Mishin discloses in Figs.2 and 3 a particle accelerator comprising: an injector (26) for generating charged particles; an electromagnetic drive subsystem (36) for generating pulses of electromagnetic waves; a first accelerating section (100) adapted to receive said electromagnetic waves and to transfer energy from said electromagnetic waves to said charged particles as said charged particles travel therethrough; a second accelerating section (102) adapted to transfer energy to said charged particles as said charged particles travel therethrough; a waveguide (74) connected to said electromagnetic drive subsystem and adapted to deliver said electromagnetic waves from said electromagnetic drive subsystem to said first accelerating section (100) via a first waveguide section (see Fig.3, not labeled), said waveguide (74) being at least partially physically interposed between said first accelerating section (100) and said second accelerating section (102) (see again Fig.3). Mishin does not disclose a tube connected to and extending between said first accelerating section and said second accelerating section, said tube being adapted to

enable said charged particles to travel between said first accelerating section and said second accelerating section. Tanabe discloses in Fig.1 a particle accelerator (40) having only three accelerator sections 42-44 (see Col.2, lines 46-47) and a drift tube (31) connected to and extending between said first accelerating section (42) and said second accelerating section (43), said tube (31) being adapted to enable said charged particles from particle source (1) to travel between said first accelerating section (42) and said second accelerating section (43). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the tube as taught by Tanabe into the Mishin type particle accelerator because it would ensure a conduction of charged particles from one accelerating section to the next, thereby minimizing the amount of back-bombardment of particles.

As per claims 3 and 4, Minshin in view of Tanabe discloses the claimed invention substantially as explained above. Further, Minshin discloses said waveguide (74) being a first waveguide (not labeled) connected to the first accelerating section (100) and a second waveguide (not labeled) connected to the second accelerating section (102) via phase shifter (110) and connected to said electromagnetic drive subsystem (36); said second waveguide being at least partially physically interposed between said first accelerating section (100) and said second accelerating section (102) (as shown); wherein said first waveguide and said second waveguide share a common wall (as shown in the coupling device (11) of Fig.3).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6 and 7 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Haimson, Patent No. 3,398,375; Schriber, Patent No. 4,006,422; Purser, Patent No. 3,423,684; Fujisawa, Patent No. 5,825,140; Nation et al., Patent No. 4,835,446.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haissa Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MinSun Harvey can be reached on (571)272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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